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COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Petition for Extension of Time

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time of one (1) month from the original response date of September 16, 2004 for responding to the outstanding Office Action in the above-identified patent application. With the extension of time, the period for response now extends up to and includes October 16, 2004. A check for \$110.00 is enclosed herewith.

If any charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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